

HOUSE No. 2547

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Robert J. Nyman

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act Authorizing the State Retirement Board to Grant a Certain Pension to Roy E. Minnehan.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

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DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

5th Plymouth

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE STATE RETIREMENT BOARD TO GRANT A CERTAIN PENSION TO ROY E. MINNEHAN

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose which is to authorize
2 forthwith the state retirement board to grant a pension to Roy E. Minnehan, therefore it is hereby
3 declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

4 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, and in
5 order to promote the public good, the state retirement board shall retire Roy E. Minnehan, a retired
6 state police officer with the Massachusetts state police, who on February 5, 2007 was granted an
7 accidental disability retirement in accordance with the procedures and requirements of section 7 of
8 chapter 32 of the General Laws, due to injuries sustained while in the performance of his duties, one
9 hundred percent (100%) of the maximum pay for the rank he retired at (top step sergeant) as his
10 accidental disability retirement benefit. Roy E. Minnehan sustained these injuries on October 23, 2003
11 when he was struck by a drunk driver while working a midnight shift in Boston. Due to the injuries he
12 sustained in that accident he underwent three surgeries but was left with permanent damage in his
13 neck. On September 8, 2006, he further aggravated these injuries and also suffered additional injuries
14 including injuries to his right knee, which he had had major reconstructive surgery on while on duty at
15 the Norwell barracks. Throughout his career Roy E. Minnehan was highly decorated, including four
16 commendations from the Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

17 SECTION 2. Any raises, incentives and salary increases in any contract since his retirement, the present
18 and future contracts shall be given to Roy E. Minnehan automatically and any prerequisites, tests or
19 other conditions that would have had to have been met or passed will be waived.

20 SECTION 3. Roy E. Minnehan shall be entitled to receive indemnification for all hospital, medical and
21 related expenses that have been or may be incurred after the date of his retirement as a result of any
22 injuries he sustained while working for the Massachusetts State Police, pursuant to Chapter 41 of the
23 general laws.

24 SECTION 4. Upon the death of Roy E. Minnehan the state retirement board shall pay to his children
25 until they reach the age of 18 or 23 if in college, an annuity in the amount of $\frac{3}{4}$ of his pension per month
26 at the time of his death.